

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request entry of the Amendment and reconsideration of the specification in view of the following Remarks.

Amendments

Applicants have amended the specification to include sequence identifiers and to insert the paper copy of the Substitute Sequence Listing into the specification.

The numbering of claims 60-63 have been amended to claims 59-62.

Claims 56-58 have been amended to correct an obvious typographical error.

Claims 4, 56-58, and 60-62 have been amended to add a sequence identifier. Applicants have amended these claims to recite that the amino acid residue positions correspond to the amino acid positions of SEQ ID NO:2. Applicants respectfully assert that this amendment has not been made to limit the claim to a major coat protein of M13 (which is SEQ ID NO:2), but rather this amendment has been made to provide a reference for the variant amino acid residue positions. Applicant submit that they have described the major coat proteins of several filamentous phage and provided an alignment of the sequences of the filamentous phages in the specification at page 40.

Interview Summary

Applicants thank Examiner Steele and Examiner Shibuya for meeting with Applicants' representative Katherine Kowalchuk on May 16, 2007. Claims 1, 7, and 56-63 were discussed. Claim rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph were discussed. Although no agreement was reached, this reply is drafted in keeping with the comments and discussion of the interview.

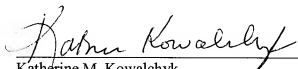
SUMMARY

Applicants submit that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' representative if prosecution may be assisted thereby.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Katherine Kowalchuk", written over a horizontal line.

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